GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF MAJULI ISLAND IN WORLD HERITGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has nominated Majuli Island for inscription as World Heritage site for 2006 under cultural category;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a legislation for protection of the cultural values of Majuli Island is being considered by Government of Assam in consultation with ASI; and

(d) If so, the time by which it is likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The nomination dossier for Majuli Island in Assam as a World Heritage Site under Cultural Category for the year 2006 has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre of the UNESCO.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. The Government of Assam is considering to place a draft bill on Majuli Island in the ensuing Budget Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly. Archaeological Survey of India had preliminary discussions with the State Government on the draft bill, but no time limit has been set for finalizing the bill.